

THE BATTLE OF BLACK JACK

INTERVIEW WITH A SON OF OSATWATOMIE BROWN.

The Story of the First Armed Clash Between the Yankees and the Southerners—What the Fight Cost.

Green, Joyce Street in the Portland Oregonian.

Osawatimie, Kas., is a small village, famous by John Brown's fight there.

On the border ruffians in 1856. Brown

ten miles west of this point, on a

border in each of middle creek. Ten miles east

of Osawatimie resided John Tecumseh

of Osawatimie, better known as Ottawa, or Toy

Jones, a highly respected Ottawa chief,

and at the same time an educated min-

ister of the gospel, capable of speaking

several languages fluently. Jones' wife

was a woman as a missionary. The sympathies

of Jones and his wife were strongly in

favor of freedom, hence, as was natural,

they became great friends and admirers of

John Brown.

—Photo by W. G. Steele.

John Brown and his family. Eight miles

west of Jones' or about twenty-eight miles

east of John Brown's was a stream known as

Black Jack, celebrated as the spot where

the first armed clash occurred between the

Yankees and the Southerners. Here, on

the morning of July 2, 1856, John Brown

and his followers, armed with the latest im-

proved Springfield rifle, and entrenched

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opportunity time. Two men laid close to

each other, but Brown's son, Salmon, third

Oliver, brought in the other four, one

of whom was an unusually large man, was

said to be very cruel. When he learned

that Brown was on his way to intercept

him, he ridiculed the idea, and said that

men could not do better than to follow

him. "We will have the fun of try-

ing it."

Pate was camped about five miles from

Palmyra, and Brown knew the two men

who accompanied him. He knew, too, how

they were armed, drilled and entrenched,

and hoped to make a night attack. With

this idea in mind, he left Palmyra late

Sunday afternoon with thirty men, and

arrived in the neighborhood of Black Jack

about half a mile from the ridge, and

at daylight one of Pate's sentinels fired on

him. A stampede, not being acquainted

with the situation, Captain Brown went

about thirty yards distant, while the rain

with the remaining force to a point, partly

sheltered by high grass, and then, when

the rain ceased, he moved forward, and

within a few minutes he was in the

position almost as soon as the sentinels

of the force. He then ordered his men

to get their horses in safe quarters,

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his head would hitch himself to the post.

There he would stand and stomp and snort

and all in the dust all day. When members

of his family would call him to his meals

he would say indignantly: "I'm a horse,

and I eat hay." Urging did no

good. He would stay there without food

until some one would be bright to him. Then

he would come out of his lair, and without

without using his hands or a knife or fork,

in the winter when he played in the house

he would turn on his back and lie down

and he would tell how he drove

twelve miles in a very few minutes, and

they would turn on him and say: "You

are a liar." He would then say: "I

never killed his imaginary foes in any

other way."

Lying for the sake of keeping up with

some other youthful pretender is one of

the exercises of childhood. Not all children

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